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EIGHT THOUSAND HOMELESS AT PARIS

EIGHT SENATORIAL CANDIDATES IN

Secretary of United States Senate Will Supply Contestants With Preliminary Expense Blanks.

Washington, March 22.—Secretary of State McKay has filed with the secretary of the United States senate the names of the eight candidates for nomination for senator from Texas and these gentlemen will be supplied with the blanks upon which to certify their primary expense accounts. The eight names are Culbertson, Brooks, Campbell, Colquitt, Davis, Henry, Heller of Toyah and Riddle. They must report their expenditures not later than ten days before the July primary and not later than fifteen days afterward and the nominee of the primary must report again not later than fifteen days before the November election and within thirty days afterward.

BAPTIST PRAYER MEETING.

The Baptist prayer meeting will be held tonight at 7:45. The discussion of doctrinal subjects will be continued. Topic for tonight, "Church Government." Everyone cordially invited to attend. M. E. WEAVER, Pastor.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET IN HOUSTON

Will Formulate Plan for Re-Entry of Bull Moose Into Ranks of Regulars.

Dallas, Tex., March 22.—The "harmony" committee appointed at a meeting of Progressives and Republicans here last Wednesday to confer with the regular Republican party leaders of Texas relative to the return of the Bull Moose to the fold of the G. O. P., will meet in Houston at the Rice hotel Saturday morning. The announcement was made by William H. Atwell, Republican chairman of the committee.

The Houston meeting will be for the purpose of formulating the actual way in which the entry into Republican ranks will be made. Just who is a Republican and who is a Progressive is puzzling Texas anti-Democrats, and at the Wednesday's meeting it was intimated by several speakers that the insurrecto-politicians were as good as Republicans.

U. D. C. MEETING.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Carnegie Library and a full attendance is requested.

CITY OF PARIS, TEXAS SWEEPED AWAY BY FLAMES

Eight Thousand People Were Rendered Homeless and Property Loss Estimated at Five Million—All Business Houses Destroyed and Nearly all Residences—People Dazed But Cheerful.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, TEX., MARCH 22.—THERE WAS A TOLL OF THREE LIVES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATED BY MAYOR McCUSTION AT BETWEEN \$8,000,000 AND \$10,000,000 IN LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.

THE DEAD ARE: JOHN SCHAUB (negro), burned in home.

MRS. W. J. BAILEY, aged 60, died of fright.

MRS. A. G. POUL, an aged woman, supposed to have been burned in her home.

Paris, Tex., March 22.—A conservative estimate of the number of people rendered homeless by last night's fire in the business and residential district here was 8,000, according to Mayor McCustion. The monetary damage is estimated at \$5,000,000, although it is impossible to get an accurate accounting.

An unusual feature was that no lives were lost, and none seriously injured. Although the city is without food, all business houses being burned, apparently there is little suffering, and a good-natured, though dazed view is taken of the disaster.

The women and children were cared for in what buildings remained, and the men who did not spend the night fighting fire slept on lawns and in the open.

The work of clearing the streets started this morning, but the job probably will take several days.

What few smaller buildings remained are occupied today by stores and shops of all kinds, the merchants

dealing in commodities sent from cities nearby by special trains.

McKinney Fire Swept.

McKinney, Tex., March 22.—The entire plant of the McKinney Compress Company, 2,500 bales of cotton, three residences, eight freight cars and several small outbuildings were the toll exacted by the most disastrous fire in the history of McKinney Tuesday afternoon. The total loss will approximate \$500,000. The cotton burned is estimated at \$125,000, fully covered by insurance. The plant of the compress company was valued at \$45,000, with insurance of \$20,000. The residences were partly covered by insurance.

Brilliant and heroic fighting by the McKinney volunteer fire department, under the direction of Fire Chief Jno. S. McKinney, prevented a conflagration that might have wiped out a greater part of the business section of the city and much of the residential section. A high wind fanned the blaze and made effective work next to impossible.

The fire originated from the explosion of an oil stove in the kitchen of the home of J. C. Gander, on South Tennessee street, shortly after 2 o'clock. It spread rapidly, augmented by the high wind, and soon several houses in the vicinity were afire. A two-story house adjoining it on the north was destroyed before the fire department could check the flames. Other buildings in the vicinity were only slightly damaged.

THRILLING STORY IN ONE CHAPTER

Young Lady in an Automobile, a Negro Chauffeur, an Irate Father and Sheriff Nunn Principal Actors.

A little episode out of the ordinary, a little story that had a very abrupt ending in Bryan, was participated in by a young lady from Madison County, a negro boy acting as chauffeur in an Overland automobile, and Sheriff T. C. Nunn. The happening was of recent occurrence and will be told without giving the young lady's name. Saturday night Sheriff Nunn was aroused from his peaceful slumbers to answer a phone call from Madisonville. It was the sheriff of that county and he wanted to talk very eagerly. He informed Sheriff Nunn that a farmer's pretty daughter was on her way to Bryan in an Overland auto, driven by a negro boy, and he was sure the young lady intended to take the train for Houston, and to intercept her and hold for orders. Within one hour after he received the phone call Mr. Nunn landed the party, escorted the young lady to the jail and placed her in charge of Mrs. Nunn. Within another hour an irate father appeared upon the scene in company with his son. Being informed that his daughter was safe and that she did not desire to return home, the old gentleman became very hostile, entered the room where his daughter was, slapped her jaws and otherwise acted in a rude manner. She was placed in the auto and the return home was commenced.

Those who witnessed the scene at the jail told a reporter that they did not blame the girl from leaving home. The father was rough and very abusive. The girl said she was 18 years of age; that she had been prevented from marrying the young man she loved, had been abused by her

CLOSED SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL.

Rev. Chas. T. Tally, pastor of the First Methodist Church, has returned from Silsbee, Tex., where he conducted a ten days' revival meeting under the auspices of the Baptist and Methodist churches of the town. Rev. Tally did the preaching and there were forty-eight professions of faith, thirty-seven joined the Methodist Church and seven the Baptist. The pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. Binford, who is a former Bryan minister, and the Methodist pastor, O. W. Hooker, both gave valuable help in the meeting, and Rev. Tally says it was one of the best meetings he has been in in a long time.

4142 BIRTHS WAS FEBRUARY REPORT

340 Children Under Year Died, Next Largest Age Record Being From Twenty to Thirty Years.

Austin, Tex., March 22.—Births reported for February totalled 4,142, according to the state registrar of vital statistics, and deaths numbered 2,372. Tuberculosis, pneumonia and influenza again lead the list of deaths with 281 deaths charged against tuberculosis as a cause and more than 200 against the others.

Deaths numbering 340 were reported of children under 1 year of age and the next largest number was between the ages of 20 to 30 years, with 269 reported.

DEEDS FOR RECORD.

W. T. Horton and wife to J. Webb Howell, two tracts of land, containing 80 acres in Brazos County; consideration, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

W. H. Holligan and wife to T. J. Crawford, parcel of land containing 2 acres in Reynolds addition to the city of Bryan; consideration, \$400.

ARMOR COMPANIES WOULD CUT PRICES

Tillman Bill to Establish Government Armor Plate Plant Brought Them to Knees.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 22.—When the house naval committee received the Tillman bill for a government armor plate factory, which passed the senate last night, it also received a proposal from the Bethlehem Steel Company to cut the price of armor plate from \$4.35 to \$3.95 a ton.

BUYS FINE CATTLE.

Claude A. Buchanan returned a few days ago from Itasca, Tex., in Hill County, where he went to purchase thirty head of fine Durham cattle to place on his ranch six miles northeast of Bryan. The cattle arrived last night and were unloaded this morning. They are all in fine condition and as pretty as a picture. The herd consists of one fine registered male and twenty-nine young cows. Mr. Buchanan says he found out several years ago there was nothing to be gained by handling scrub stock, and in future he will devote his entire time to the raising of the best breeds.

STRUGGLE FOR VERDUN NOW IN FOURTH WEEK

German Thrusts Have Been Halted and No Recent Progress Reported—Russian Warships in Black Sea and Several German Ships Reported Sunk—Russians Make Gains and Austrians Evacuate Czernowitz.

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 22.—The great battle for Verdun, now in the fourth week, continues with intensity, but no further advantages for either side was gained.

The powerful German thrust west of the Meuse has been halted at the southern edge of Avocourt wood. On the eastern bank of the Meuse the situation is unchanged.

Russian warships are reported in the Black Sea, and the sinking of a number of German ships was reported.

The German statement says the Russians made no gains in the recent advances against the Germans.

The abandonment of Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, by the Austrians was reported in Rome dispatches.

COMMERCIAL CLUB WEEKLY MEETING

Splendid Address Delivered by Seth B. Holman of the A. and M. College Extension Department.

There was a regular meeting of the Commercial Club yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the body having met at that time instead of at 10 a. m., which is customary, because it was the desire of the members that an address be heard from Mr. Seth B. Holman, a former Commercial Club secretary, but who is now in the extension department of A. and M. College, and that gentleman could not attend during the morning hours.

After the meeting was formally opened and Mr. Holman had met personally the representative men who were present, he began his address, commencing with the circumstances that had led him to enter commercial club life. He stated that work for the public had always attracted him and that rather early in life he did some newspaper work. It was while engaged as a reporter on the Fort Worth Record, under Hon. Clarence Ousley, that he laid the foundation for taking up the duties of a commercial secretary. He attended a night school of instruction along those lines.

In due time Mr. Holman went to Comanche, where he took charge of the commercial body there; he told in an interesting way of his experience

there, of how he strenuously advocated diversification, worked up some trade excursions that proved very valuable to the town, and at all times pushed with a vim the idea of raising peanuts in Comanche. That he met with success in spreading the idea, as well as the peanut industry, is evidenced by the fact that portions of that county are now considered the most thriving sections of the Texas peanut industry.

Later on Mr. Holman went to Amarillo and took charge, as secretary, of the Commercial Club there. At this place he remained two years, and that his services were most successful is vouched for by the general strides that have been made by Amarillo and Potter County along many different material and commercial lines. During Mr. Holman's work in Amarillo he led a movement which resulted in placing commercial club affairs on a very sound basis, in which it operated to have the legitimate expenses paid by taxation. During this time the commission form of government was also adopted at Amarillo, and Mr. Holman naturally left that town in a splendid condition.

Mr. Holman's talk, only brief suggestions of which have been given here, was enthusiastically received and he was the recipient of compliments for his practical and timely talk. At the conclusion of his remarks a motion was made and carried, to the effect that the president appoint a committee, the duty of which is to map out a commercial club program as to the general work to be

VILLA SPIES CUTTING WIRE COMMUNICATION

Wires Were Cut Between Columbus and Casas Grandes and Also to Juarez—Line Reopened Today to Columbus—Two Aero Lieutenants Still Lost On the Desert—Battle-ship Kentucky Sails Under Sealed Orders.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Tex., March 22.—Wires between Juarez and Casas Grandes were still cut today, so that for more than twenty-four hours General Cavira has been without any news of what is transpiring at the scene reported. It is a mystery as to what is happening between Juarez and Casas Grandes. General Gavira said he was sending a working crew on the railroad to repair the track and wires, but no report was received early today and the Mexican officials professed to be ignorant of what was occurring.

Aviators Still Lost.

(By Associated Press.) Columbus, N. M., March 22.—Wireless communication with Casas Grandes was restored today. Several code messages were received here, but none gave word of the two missing lieutenants of the aero corps. The search is continuing.

Under Sealed Orders.

(By Associated Press.) Galveston, Tex., March 22.—The United States battleship Kentucky left last night under sealed orders.

father until she could no longer endure it, and left home to go to live with her brother in another county. She stated that the auto belonged to her and that no one was responsible for the negro driver bringing her to Bryan other than herself. The girl's father is a farmer in Madison County, and the sheriff says he was not very favorably impressed with the way the old man deported himself.

No further news has been heard from the party since leaving here Sunday morning, and all may have ended well, but those who formed the acquaintance of the young female actresses in this drama say they feel sure she will try to escape again, and they all hope she may have better luck next time.

There was a persistent rumor the Kentucky was going to Tampico, but this was not confirmed today. Coal and supplies were ordered for the ship, but she sailed before it was possible to make delivery.

May Have Clashed.

(By Associated Press.) San Antonio, Tex., March 22.—One of the missing aviators in the Mexican march descended some where south of Casas Grandes, it was learned at General Funston's headquarters today. His name was not given. General Funston said he believed it was not unlikely the Americans and Villa's men had met by now, but no word has been received.

Railroads Still an Issue.

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Tex., March 22.—The railroad transportation problem is far from being settled, and it is believed here that this question will bring the real crisis. It is believed that Carranza is playing for time on the American request, knowing the consequences which may follow his refusal or his granting the request.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY KNOCKED OUT

(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Tex., March 22.—The act providing for a presidential preferential primary election scheduled for May 23 was held unconstitutional by the supreme court today. J. H. Lawless of Kurten was in the today.

NOTICE, FRIEND IN NEED.

You are notified of the death of Mr. A. Moore, No. 61. Assessment must be paid to Joe B. Reed within ten days. Present membership 264.